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CHAPTER I.

Of the Terms of Admission into the College.

1. **N**O person shall be admitted into this College, unless upon examination by the President, or in his absence one Professor and two at least of the Tutors, he shall be found able to read accurately, construe and parse Cicero's Orations, Virgil's *Æneid*, and the Greek Testament; and to write Latin grammatically. He shall have learned the rules of Vulgar Arithmetic, also be able to produce satisfactory credentials of his good moral character.

2. **EVERY** one who shall be admitted as above shall pay to the Steward eight dollars in advance, towards defraying his four first quarter-bills, from each of which the money so advanced shall be deducted in equal portions. In case of death or removal, before said sum be extinguished by College demands, the remainder shall be refunded.

3. **EVERY** one so admitted shall give bond to the Trustees and Fellowship, with such surety or sureties as shall be to the satisfaction of the Steward, in the sum of one hundred ounces of silver, for the payment of his several quarter-bills; which bond the Steward shall procure to be executed immediately, and as soon as may be shall deliver it to the Treasurer, by him to be kept until

til the conditions of it shall be fulfilled. It shall not be delivered up, until the scholar bring a printed certificate from the Steward that he has discharged all College dues; and also a printed certificate from the Librarian, that said scholar has complied with the laws respecting the use and damages of the library.

4. EVERY scholar shall, immediately on his admission, purchase a copy of these laws, and carry the same to the President, or in his absence to the oldest instructor present, who shall sign an order, annexed to these laws, for the admission of such scholar to the privileges of the College, on his bringing a receipt from the Steward that he has made the advance required by the 2d article of this chapter. No one shall have a chamber assigned him in the College, or any instruction afforded him by the officers of College, until he have a copy of the laws thus authenticated.

5. WHEN any one shall offer for an advanced standing, he shall be admitted no farther forward, than, upon a strict examination by the President, Professors and Tutors, he shall be found to merit. Every scholar so admitted, shall pay into the treasury the whole amount of the usual tuition, and of the chamber rent for the whole time over which he is advanced; and he shall bring from the Treasurer, or such person as the Corporation shall appoint, a receipt of his having paid the above sum before he can have a chamber assigned him in the College, or enjoy any privileges in the College.

6. EVERY member of this University shall be obliged, while absent as present, to pay all College dues, except those damages done to the edifice, for which the students are accountable, unless

less his bill for commons be remitted by the law respecting absences, until he shall have asked a dismission; and if under age, his parents or guardians shall have asked it for him.—Such dismission shall be given him by the President, or in his absence by the senior officer of instruction in the College, when he shall bring the bond and receipts, as required in the 3d article of this chapter.

7. EVERY scholar shall reside in College, and that he may diligently pursue his studies, he shall lodge there; every student shall also board in commons, except those who are inhabitants of the town and vicinity, also such indigent students to whom the officers of instruction may grant liberty, and such as the President may admit into his family.

CHAPTER II.

Of Collegiate Exercises.

1. IT shall be the duty of all the scholars to be constantly in their chambers, and at their studies, except one hour after breakfast, from twelve till two o'clock, P. M. from evening prayers till seven o'clock in the evening, during the fall and spring terms of study; and during the summer term, from six o'clock till nine in the evening, at which time all the students shall be in their chambers, at all seasons of the year. And if any student shall be unnecessarily absent from his chamber, during the time allotted for study, or after nine o'clock in the evening, he shall be liable to a fine not less than six pence, nor more than three shillings. If any student shall make a practice of being absent

sent from his chamber, when required to be in it by the laws, he shall, after having been fined several times, be admonished, rusticated or degraded, at the discretion of the officers of instruction.

2. To encourage and assist the students in their literary pursuits, to promote in them a regular conduct and diligent use of time, the officers shall, as often as they judge necessary, visit their chambers, as well in study hours as at other times.

3. THE following books shall be studied by the respective classes, and shall be continued in use, until others shall be introduced by a majority of the officers of instruction, and at least three of the Fellowship.

IN the first year shall be studied, in Latin, Virgil's *Æneid*, Cicero's Orations, and Horace; in Greek, the New Testament, and Xenophon's *Cyropædia*; in English, Sheridan's *Lectures on Elocution*, and Webster's *Grammatical Institute of the English language*.

IN the second year, in Latin, Cicero de *Oratore*; in Greek, Longinus de *Sublimitate*. Guthrie's and Morse's *Geography*, *Decimal Arithmetic*, the *Extraction of the Square and Cube Roots*, Watts' *Logic*, and Hammond's *Algebra*.

IN the third year, Euclid's *Elements*, *Trigonometry*, with its application to surveying and navigation, Ferguson's *Astronomy*, Nicholson's *Natural Philosophy*, Payley's *Moral Philosophy*, and Kaim's *Elements of Criticism*.

IN the fourth year, Locke on the human understanding, and such parts of the authors studied in the preceding years as the officers of College shall direct, together with some select parts of history.

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AND that the students may accomplish themselves in the art of reading, they shall, at such times as the President shall direct, prepare and read before the officers of instruction select pieces of English composition; and any student who shall particularly distinguish himself, by reading well at the public examinations, shall, as a mark of honour, have his name entered on the records of the College.

4. It shall be the business of one instructor to teach the learned languages, and elements of history; of another to teach Logic, Metaphysics and Moral Philosophy; of another to teach Criticism, Geography, and Natural Philosophy.—The Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy shall teach Arithmetic and Astronomy. The Professor of Experimental Philosophy shall deliver a complete course of lectures on that subject, and exhibit experiments to the two upper classes—the course to begin on the first week in April annually.

5. There shall be three recitations of the two lower classes every day, except that on days for speaking the afternoon recitation may be omitted. On every Saturday, at eleven o'clock, A. M. the instructors shall examine the several classes on their studies during the foregoing week, and on Saturday afternoon there shall be no recitation. The junior sophisters shall recite three times each day as above, until the spring vacation, and after that time but twice each day. The senior sophisters shall recite twice each day until the first of April, and from that time once each day until the second Wednesday in July.

6. THE times for recitation shall be as follow:
THE first immediately after morning prayers;
the second at eleven o'clock, A. M. the third at four
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o'clock, P. M. from the fall to the spring vacation, and at half after four from the spring vacation to September.

7. DURING the first year, there shall be exhibited such Latin exercises on every Saturday morning, as the instructors shall direct. During the second and third years, there shall be exhibited in the vernacular tongue, every Saturday morning, compositions and disputations, on subjects previously appointed by the officers of instruction. In the senior year, until the spring vacation, compositions and disputations, on subjects chosen by the students, shall be exhibited weekly as above directed.

ABSENCE from any of the daily recitations, without liberty previously obtained of the instructors, shall be punished by a fine not less than six pence for each offence. Neglect to exhibit composition, or to prepare and attend disputations, shall be punished by a fine not less than nine pence; and in case of repeated neglect of either of the aforementioned exercises, the delinquent shall be admonished, degraded, or dismissed the College, as the case may require. Unnecessary tardiness at recitation, shall be punished by a fine of two pence. Tardiness at disputations, and the exhibition of compositions, shall be punished by a fine not less than three pence.

8. THERE shall be three public exhibitions on the stage in the College-Chapel, in each year; the first, on the last Wednesday in December, by the senior class; the second, on the last Wednesday but one in April, by one half of the juniors and sophomores; and the third, by the other half of the juniors and sophomores, on the last Wednesday but one in August. If any student shall absent himself

self on the day of public speaking, or neglect to prepare himself by having his piece well committed to memory, he shall be fined not less than two shillings, nor more than nine. If any student shall presume to exhibit any thing on the stage, which has not been previously inspected and approved by an officer of instruction, he shall be liable to a fine not less than three shillings, and to be publicly admonished before the audience. Any student shall be liable to the same punishment, who shall use any profane or indecent language on the stage—and no student shall be permitted, on any pretence whatever, to make any alteration in his dress, in order to personate any particular character; and the students are strictly forbidden to make any disturbance on the days of exhibition, by entertaining company in their rooms.

9. No person whatever is permitted to enter the chapel on the days of public exhibition, without a ticket of admission, except members of the Corporation, the officers of instruction and government, members and graduates of the College. Tickets to be given out by none but the instructors, and the students who are to perform for the day. The senior class shall be exempted from speaking in public after the winter vacation, except such as choose to speak in public as usual.

10. THAT the students may make as much proficiency as possible in the art of speaking, they shall on every Wednesday afternoon, at the ringing of the bell, immediately repair to the chapel, or such other place as the President shall direct, there to pronounce pieces previously committed to memory, and approved by an officer of instruction, there to receive such instructions and corrections as the

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officers before whom they speak shall judge necessary. If any student shall absent himself from the exercise above mentioned, he shall be liable to a fine not less than four pence, nor more than one shilling. If any one shall be unnecessarily tardy, he shall be fined two pence. If any student shall presume to pronounce on the stage any piece not previously approved by an officer of instruction, or if he shall alter his piece after approved, he shall be liable to a fine not less than nine pence, nor more than three shillings.

11. Two of the students shall speak pieces on the stage every evening, after prayers (except on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays) beginning with the alphabet, in the senior class, and proceeding in that order through the two upper classes. No student shall choose any piece for this exercise, which has a tendency to excite laughter, under the penalty of one shilling for every offence.

12. THE senior class shall be examined in the languages, on the Wednesday preceding the spring vacation; and on the second Wednesday in July, in the liberal arts and sciences. As a testimonial of literary merit, those students whom the examiners shall adjudge by ballot, and report to the Corporation to have distinguished themselves in any art or science, shall have their names entered on the public records of the College. If any member of the senior class absent himself on the day of examination, he shall be liable to admonition or degradation.

THE three under classes shall be examined on the Monday preceding the spring vacation, and on the Monday preceding commencement. If any student shall refuse or neglect to attend the public

public examination, he shall be liable to public admonition, degradation or rustication.

13. If it shall appear, at the examination of any of the classes, that any one has neglected his studies, so as not to have made such proficiency as his abilities and opportunity would permit, he shall be liable to be put on a conditional standing, for such a term of time as the examiners shall think fit. If at the expiration of that term he shall not have merited a reinstatement, he shall be admonished, degraded or rusticated, as the case may require.

14. It shall be the duty of the senior class to collect, prepare and publish, theses in Latin. At the commencement of the senior year, the class shall choose by ballot, at such time as the President shall direct, two of their members, to one of which each member in the class shall deliver every week two theses in Latin and English. These shall be transcribed into a book, with the name of the student subscribed; the theses shall be presented to the President and Tutors, two weeks before the second Wednesday in July. Should any student neglect to furnish his theses, he shall be fined six pence for every neglect, and if the neglect be repeated, he shall be liable to lose his degree.

C H A P T E R III.

Of Attendance on Religious Duties, &c.

1. A L L the members of the College shall immediately repair to the chapel, at the ringing of the bell for prayers. Indecent conduct, when going into the chapel, or during the time of prayers

ers in the chapel, or when coming out of it, shall be punished by admonition, fine, or otherwise, as the President and Tutors shall judge fit. For every absence from prayers, the delinquent shall be fined three pence, and for tardiness half that sum.

2. EVERY student shall attend public worship, on the first day of the week. Each student, at the commencement of his residence in College, shall inform the President, or in his absence the senior officer of instruction, at what meeting he wishes to attend. A monitor shall be appointed for each meeting, whose duty it shall be to note the absence of such scholars as belong to it. For each absence, without liberty, the delinquent shall be fined one shilling.

3. STUDENTS are strictly forbidden to walk abroad in companies, or in any other manner, on the first day of the week, or to collect in companies in any room in the Collège for amusement or recreation, or to perform any kind of instrumental music, on such penalties as the President and Tutors shall judge adequate to the offence.

4. As it is the undoubted right of Christians of every denomination to enjoy, without the least molestation, the peculiarities of their religious sentiments, it is ordered, that if any student shall deny the existence of G O D, the divine authority of the Old and New Testament, the existence of virtue and vice, or harass and disquiet the minds of his fellow-students respecting the peculiarities of their Christian faith, by ridicule, scoffing, infidel suggestions, or any other way treat these subjects in a ludicrous and profane manner, or associate with such as do it, he shall, if he persist in such conduct after being publicly admonished, be expelled the College.

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CHAPTER IV.

Of Criminal Offences.

1. IF any student shall be found guilty of blasphemy, robbery, fornication, forgery, or of any such atrocious crime, he shall be immediately expelled.

2. EVERY student is forbidden to play at cards, or any other unlawful game; the use of profane or obscene words; to strike or insult a fellow-student, or otherwise to associate with persons of known bad character; to attend at places of vain sports; to engage in any theatrical exhibition in the town; to lie, steal, get drunk, or be guilty of any other gross immorality. Any scholar that shall transgress in any of these respects, shall be punished by a fine not less than three shillings, nor more than twelve, or by admonition, degradation or expulsion, as the case may require.

3. No student shall keep any kind of fire-arms or gunpowder in his room, nor fire gunpowder in or near the College, in any manner whatever. If any student shall be guilty in either of these respects, he shall be liable to a fine of six shillings for each offence, to be rusticated, degraded or expelled.

4. If any scholar shall wilfully insult any of the officers of government or instruction, if he shall strike them, or break their windows, he shall be immediately expelled.

5. If any student shall refuse to open his door, or his chest or other close, when commanded to do it by an officer of instruction, he shall be liable to a fine of six shillings for every offence; and the instructor may lawfully break open such door,

door, chest or close, when he has reason to apprehend the case requires it.

6. EVERY scholar is required to shew all due respect to superiors, both in word and behaviour, and especially to the Trustees and Fellows, the President, Professors, Tutors, and Steward of the College; and if any student shall treat any of them in an unbecoming disrespectful manner, he shall be publicly admonished or degraded.

7. If any student shall refuse to give his evidence, when required to do it by the officers of instruction, he shall be fined from two to six shillings, or admonished, degraded or rusticated, as the case may require,

8. No student is permitted to make a practice of entertaining company in his room, especially in the hours of study.

9. If any student shall bring spirituous liquor into the College, or cause it to be brought in, and drink any if brought in, without permission from the President, he shall be fined not less than six shillings, nor more than twelve, or rusticated, degraded, or expelled, if the case require it.

10. If any student shall presume to make any kind of festival entertainment in the College, on any occasion, or in the town of Providence, without liberty from the President and Tutors, or to engage and take a part in any thing of the kind, he shall be liable to punishment by fine, rustication or degradation.

11. No student shall play on any musical instrument in the hours allotted for study, on the penalty of six pence for every offence.

12. ALL students are strictly forbidden to make indecent, unnecessary noises in the College at any time, either by running violently, hallooing, or rolling

rolling things in the entries or down the stairs. If any student shall be guilty in either of these respects, he may be fined not less than three shillings, nor more than nine, or rusticated.

13. No student may be absent from any collegiate exercise, without liberty obtained of the instructor before whom the exercise was to have been performed.

14. If any student shall do any damage to the College edifice, or to the property of others, he shall repair the same immediately.

15. EVERY student is strictly forbidden to throw any thing against the College edifice, to attempt throwing any thing over it, or to throw water or any thing else from the College windows, or in the College entries, on the penalty of a fine not less than one shilling, nor more than six.

16. ALL students are required to be peculiarly careful respecting fire, in carrying it through the entries in pipes or otherwise, as well as in rooms. Every chimney in the College shall be swept once every year, at the expence of the occupants; and it shall be the duty of the Steward to see this done, at such times as the President shall direct; and the Steward shall charge the expence in the quarter-bills.

17. ALL the rooms occupied in the College shall be furnished, at the expence of the occupants, with a bucket or pail fit for use, to be provided by the Steward, and charged in the quarter-bills; and it shall be the duty of the Steward once every year, at such times as the President shall direct, to examine all the rooms, and see that they are furnished according to law.

18. If any student shall be detected in injuring any of the locks on any doors in the College,

lege, he shall be fined three shillings, admonished, rusticated or degraded.

19. ALL students are forbidden to enter the chapel, except at the times of devotional and collegiate excercises, or at any time to enter the Library Musæum or Philosophical Chamber, on the penalty of a fine not less than three shillings, nor more than twelve.

CHAPTER V.

Of Vacations, Absence, &c.

1. THERE shall be three vacations in every year; the first shall begin on the morning of commencement day, and continue four weeks; the second, on the first Wednesday in January, and shall continue six weeks; the third, on the first Wednesday in May, and shall continue three weeks.

2. If any under graduate shall prolong his absence beyond the time allowed for vacation, or shall not return at the close of it, he shall be liable to be fined for every night's absence not less than one shilling and six pence, and shall pay to the Steward one shilling and three pence per week; these sums to be charged in the quarter-bills; the last to be appropriated to the use of the Steward, and the first to be lodged in the College treasury. And should any student be absent more than two months beyond the vacation, without liberty obtained of the President, he shall be examined by the President and Tutors for his standing with his class, and if found deficient, shall be suspended for the term of two months, or more, at their discretion, and be placed
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under the care of a reputable clergyman in the country, and shall be restored to his standing only on condition of his obtaining an ample certificate of his good conduct, and diligent study, during the term of his suspension. If such scholar, however, shall produce a proper certificate from a physician of approved abilities and reputable standing with the faculty, countersigned by the clergyman of the place, specifying that said student's health would not permit his attendance, and purporting that in their opinion he could not return sooner with safety to his health, the punishment may at the discretion of the officers of instruction be remitted, except the one shilling and three pence per week to the Steward.

3. No under-graduate shall go out of the College yard, without liberty, in the hours of study, on the penalty of one shilling for every offence. No under-graduate shall tarry out of College a night, or go from the town of Providence, without liberty, on the penalty of three shillings for every offence.

4. If any under-graduate shall presume to lodge out of the College, or go from the town, after liberty has been denied him, he shall be punished for the first offence six shillings; and if such offence be repeated, he shall be admonished, degraded or rusticated, according to the aggravation of the offence.

5. No under-graduate may continue in the College in time of vacation, without liberty of the President and Tutors. If any one shall transgress this law, he shall be fined not more than nine pence each day. Resident graduates, and others who have permission to occupy rooms in the College, may reside in College in time of vacations,

cations, by obtaining liberty of the President—otherwise they shall be liable to be denied the use of rooms in the College.

6. SENIOR-SOPHISTERS shall not leave the College after the second Wednesday in July, until all their preparations for Commencement are completed, nor then without obtaining liberty of the President and Tutors. If any one shall transgress this rule, he shall be punished by a fine of twelve shillings, be degraded or expelled, as the President and Tutors shall judge proper.

7. ALL the senior-sophisters, who are permitted to be absent from the College after their last public examination, shall return to the College ten days before the Commencement. If any shall refuse or neglect to comply with this law, he shall be fined three shillings each day of his absence beyond the time allowed him, and be liable to have his degree suspended for one year.

8. EVERY scholar, upon his return to the College after the vacation, or time granted for his absence, shall immediately leave his name with the Steward; and the Steward's certificate shall be evidence of the time of his return. Should any neglect to comply with this law; he shall, till his name be left with the Steward, be liable to a fine of one shilling and three pence each week.

CHAPTER VI.

Of the Steward, Commons, &c.

1. THE Steward shall cause all the rooms inhabited by the students, and the entries of the College,

College, to be cleanly swept once every day in the forenoon, and shall cause all the beds in said rooms to be decently made at the same time.

2. THE Steward shall furnish three good, sufficient, well-cooked meals of victuals every day, for those who board in commons, prepared at stated times in the dining-room, agreeable to the following prescriptions,

For dinners.—Each week, two meals of salted beef and pork, with peas, beans, roots, &c.—Two meals of fresh meat, roasted, baked, boiled or fried, with proper sauce and vegetables.—One meal of soup and fragments.—One meal of boiled fresh meat, with proper sauce and broth.—One meal of salted or fresh fish. The Steward shall furnish good brown bread, small beer or cider, with the dinners. These several articles for dinners to be diversified and changed, as to their succession, as much as possible.

For breakfasts.—Tea, coffee, chocolate—white bread with butter, or brown bread toasted with butter, brown sugar.—With chocolate, white bread without butter.

For suppers.—One pint of new milk, and six ounces of white bread, for each student, except on Sunday evening, when chocolate shall be provided for supper.

3. THE students shall take their suppers of milk from the dining-room in their own vessels, and shall carry them immediately to their own rooms. If any student shall stop to eat his supper in any entry in the College, or shall go out of the College to do it, he shall be fined for every offence one shilling.

4. THE students shall be served at supper by classes; the senior first, the junior next, the sophomore

phomore next, the freshman next. The Steward's bell shall ring for each class. If any student shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, either by running violently, or hallooing, or making any unnecessary noise, in the entries, in going to the dining-room, or in returning from it, he shall be fined for every such offence not less than one shilling, nor more than six; and the members of each class shall tarry in their rooms till the bell rings for them, on penalty of one shilling for each offence.

5. THE Steward shall sit at meals with the students, and shall exercise all that authority which is necessary for the preservation of order. The Steward also shall attend in the dining-hall at supper-time, and it shall be his duty to inform the authority of College of all transgressions of the laws of the College, and for this purpose he shall keep by him a copy of these laws.

6. THE Steward shall be exemplary in his moral conduct.

7. No allowance shall be made to any student for absence, for any term less than a week.

8. THE students are all required to treat the Steward as an officer of College, and his family with all due respect.

9. No scholar shall be permitted to retain his standing, nor receive instruction from any officer of College, who shall have neglected to pay his bills satisfactorily, as they become due.

10. THE Steward is allowed to sell to the students, in the hours of recreation, cider, small beer, candles, bread, butter, cheese, coffee, tea, chocolate, milk, apples, and stationary articles, provided he have liberty of their parents or guardians. These articles are not to be sold in large quantities, nor at an unreasonable price.

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11. EACH student shall pay to the Steward, for making his bed and sweeping his room, six pence per week, to be charged in his quarter-bills.

12. THE Steward shall at the close of each quarter make out a regular bill, containing the several quarterly sums payable by each student, with a duplicate thereof. In these bills shall be charged fines, the sums for broken glass, and all other damages. These bills the Steward shall present to the President, which being approved by him and one of the Tutors, shall be signed by the President, one of which he shall keep, and the other he shall deliver to the Steward.

13. It shall be the duty of the Steward, each vacation, to take particular care of the College edifice, to see that no damage is done to it.

CHAPTER VII.

Of the Library.

1. THE Librarian shall give bonds to the Treasurer, in the sum of fifty pounds, lawful money, for the faithful performance of his trust.

2. THE Librarian shall open the library every Friday and Saturday, at such hours as the President shall direct; and shall deliver and receive books agreeably to the following conditions and regulations.

3. THE students shall come to the library four at a time, when sent for by the Librarian; and they shall not enter the library beyond the Librarian's table, on the penalty of three pence for every offence.

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4. ALL the students shall be entitled to the use of the library, except the freshman class; for which privilege each student so entitled shall pay four shillings and six pence per quarter, to be charged in the quarter-bills.

5. EVERY book taken from the library shall be well covered with clean thick paper; and if any student shall injure the covering of the book he takes from the library, by writing upon it or otherwise, he shall be fined at the discretion of the Librarian.

6. THE person who takes a book from the library shall sign a receipt for it, specifying the size, title, state, &c. of the book, and shall return it in the same good order.

7. If any book so taken out shall be lost or damaged, the delinquent shall replace it by a new one within three months. If it is not replaced within that time, it shall be the duty of the Librarian to lodge an account against said student with the Steward, of double the amount of the price of the book, or set, if it belong to one, which account shall be placed in his next quarter-bill, and the money shall be applied for purchasing other necessary books, or sets of the same kind, as soon as may be, as the Corporation shall direct.

8. No student shall be allowed to take out, or have in his possession at one time, without special liberty from the President, more than one folio, which he may keep six weeks; or one quarto, which he may keep four weeks; or one octavo, which he may keep three weeks; or two duodecimos, which he may keep two weeks. For every book not returned to the library according to the time specified in this law, the delinquent shall pay, for a folio one month one shilling, and the same

same in proportion for a longer or shorter time of detention; two thirds as much for a quarto, half as much for an octavo, and one quarter as much for a duodecimo. These fines to be charged in the quarter-bills by the Steward.

9. No student shall lend to any person, or suffer to be carried from his room, any book he has taken from the library, on the penalty of two shillings for every such offence; and if such offence be persisted in, he shall be deprived the use of the library for such a term of time as the officers of instruction shall judge necessary.

10. No student shall behave in a disorderly manner, while receiving books, nor take down any book from the shelf. If any one transgress this law, he shall be fined by the Librarian from three pence to three shillings, as the case may require.

11. No academical exercises shall be performed in the library, nor shall a lamp or candle ever be carried into it.

12. THE members of the Corporation, and the officers of instruction, may have access to the library whenever they find it necessary, and may take out books in such manner as may at any time be determined by the Corporation. They shall be subject to the above mentioned rule respecting the returning of books in good order, and to be fined for not returning them at the time fixed by the Corporation.

13. THE Librarian shall not deliver books to any persons except those above described, unless by special order from the Corporation, or their Committee; and no member of the Corporation, or officer of instruction, shall take any book from the library without signing a receipt for the same;

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nor shall the Librarian deliver a book to any person sent by a member of the Corporation, without a receipt from said member.

14. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep the library room neat and clean, and to see that all the books are returned, and placed on the shelves in proper order, by the Monday next preceding Commencement annually, for the inspection of the Corporation, or of their Committee, appointed for that purpose, at their anniversary meeting.

15. The Librarian shall keep a book, wherein he shall enter the fines inflicted for the violation of the laws respecting the library. At the close of each quarter, it shall be his duty to furnish the Steward with an exact account of those fines, that he may insert the same in the quarter-bills of the scholars so fined, which the Steward shall collect and pay into the Treasury.

CHAPTER VIII.

Of the Disposition of Rooms in the College.

1. THE rooms in the College edifice, after the Tutors have made their choice, shall be assigned to the students, by the President and Tutors, regard being paid to placing those of the same class together in the same room.

2. IN the disposition of rooms, the senior class shall have the preference, the junior class next, and the sophomore class next.

3. ANY two students, who are desirous of living together in a room, may make it known to the President and Tutors, by a respectful written petition,

petition; before they leave the College at Commencement, naming the room in which they desire to live. If there shall be several petitions for the same room, the President and Tutors, on the day appointed for assigning rooms (which shall be before the first vacation ends) shall determine who shall occupy said room, either by the priority of petition, or by ballot, or in such way as to them appears best.

4. No student shall be removed from the room assigned him, except by his own request, or for bad conduct; and if any student shall decline to occupy the room assigned him, he shall be fined not to exceed one shilling each day; and if he persist for any length of time, he shall be admonished, rusticated or degraded, at the discretion of the President and Tutors.

5. THE possessors of each room in the College shall be answerable for the damages done during their residence in it: The repairs to be made by the Steward, and charged in their quarter-bills, if the repairs be not made by the possessors; and if any students, after the assignment of a particular room to them, shall on any occasion suffer any riotous or indecent noises in it; or any unlawful meeting of any of the students or other persons, such students shall be fined not less than ten shillings, and be liable to rustication or degradation.

6. WHEN any room shall be assigned to students in which any damages are done to the glass or otherwise, and left unrepaired, such students may give immediate information to the President and Tutors, who will cause the last occupants to indemnify the present.

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7. WHEN any glass shall be broken in any of the entries or public rooms, or any damage done to the College edifice, its appurtenances, or the painting injured, unless the persons are detected who committed the damages, the expences of repairing the same shall be equally divided among the students, and charged in their quarter-bills.

CHAPTER IX.

Miscellaneous Laws and Regulations.

1. THERE shall be two or more monitors appointed by the officers of instruction, in such manner as they shall judge proper. It shall be the duty of the monitors to keep regular bills of absence from prayers and public worship, and also from recitations, and of tardiness in going to either, and of any unbecoming conduct while there. These bills shall be delivered on Monday morning to the President, or in his absence to the Tutor who performs the devotional exercises, who shall inflict the penalties mentioned in the third chapter, provided sufficient excuses be not rendered.

2. If any monitor appointed by the President shall neglect his duty, he shall be fined for every offence not less than one shilling.

3. ALL the punishments, except those of a pecuniary kind, that shall be inflicted on any undergraduate, shall be registered in a book kept by the President for that purpose; and every student whose name shall be found there under public censure, shall not be eligible to any of the more honorary parts at Commencement.

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4. THE youngest Tutor shall keep an account of all the fines inflicted, and deliver it to the Corporation, or their Committee, to be compared with the Steward's books.

5. THE pecuniary penalties, except for absence from College, shall not exceed twenty shillings for one term to an individual. After that, the offender shall be publicly admonished before the whole College, degraded or rusticated, according to the nature of the offence.

6. ALL public censures shall be inflicted before the whole College, immediately after morning or evening prayers, such as public admonition, degradation, rustication and expulsion. It shall be the duty of the Professors and Tutors to be present on such occasions. The Chancellor also, and any of the Corporation, may be requested to attend.

7. WHEN any student is expelled or rusticated, he shall immediately leave the College; and the student who is rusticated shall immediately go to the place where the officers of instruction shall direct, and tarry there the term assigned him; during which time he shall not be permitted to enter the College walls, on penalty of expulsion.

8. No student shall attend the instructions of any person who may undertake to teach any language, art or science, in the town of Providence, without permission first obtained of the President, on penalty of six shillings for every offence.

9. WHEN any class shall be desirous of having a meeting among themselves for any particular purpose, they shall apply to the President for liberty, or in his absence to the senior Instructor; and all class meetings without licence shall be considered as unlawful combinations, and punished accordingly.

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10. If any scholar shall associate with any person of dissolute morals, or with any one who has been expelled, within three years after his expulsion, he shall be fined not less than four shillings, nor more than twelve; and if he persist in such conduct, may be rusticated or degraded.

11. If any scholar shall play off any kind of fire-works, or make illuminations, or be found aiding or abetting the same, he shall be liable to a fine not less than nine shillings, and to be rusticated, suspended or degraded, as the case may require.

12. THERE may be offences and misdemeanors against which no special provision is made by these laws; it is therefore ordered, that the President, Professors and Tutors, may in all such cases punish offenders, by fine, admonition, rustication or degradation, according to the nature and aggravation of the offence, and agreeably to the laws and customs of other Universities.

13. If any under-graduate shall insult any officer of College, after the infliction of any public punishment less than expulsion, such under-graduate shall be immediately expelled.

14. No student, who shall be expelled from this College, shall be re-admitted under the space of one year; nor then, without a major vote of the Corporation, on his presenting certificates of his good behaviour during the term of his expulsion, with a request from his parents or guardians to the President and Corporation.

15. WRITTEN petitions for the removal of grievances shall not be signed by more than three students, under the penalty of six shillings, to be inflicted on each student.

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CHAPTER X.

Of the Officers of Instruction, and Government.

1. THE instruction and immediate government of this College is, by the charter, vested in the President and Fellows, who are empowered to make, enact and publish, all such laws, statutes and regulations, with penalties, as to them shall seem meet for the successful instruction and government of the College, and to appoint such officers for the immediate instruction and regulation of the College as they shall judge necessary.

2. THE President, Professors and Tutors, during term-time, shall devote the same to the instruction of the students, and government of the College.

3. THE President shall attend prayers in the chapel, beginning with the Thursday morning first succeeding every vacation, and continuing the same morning and evening, until the morning of the commencement of the next vacation. The President shall call on any one of the senior class to read a portion of the Greek Testament each morning, before prayers, except on Saturday and Sunday mornings, when he shall read some part of the Old Testament. Before evening prayers, the President shall either read some part of the New Testament, or require the students who understand music to sing such particular psalm or hymn as he shall mention.

4. ON Sunday evening, the President will, if convenient, deliver a short composition on some portion of scripture, or a short discourse on some religious or moral subject.

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5. WHEN the President is absent, or not able to attend at prayers, it shall be the duty of the Tutors to attend and perform the devotional exercises, each taking his turn in a weekly course. Any Professor residing in College will do the same in his turn, and such Professor or Tutors as perform this duty for any considerable time, shall have such allowance made them for it by the Corporation as shall be judged adequate. It shall be the duty of the Tutors, and such Professors as reside in College, constantly to attend the daily prayers in the chapel.

6. If any Professor shall wish to reside in the College any term of time, he shall have a room assigned him by the President, free of any charge or rent. The Tutors also shall have their rooms on the same condition.

7. AND whereas it is of importance that collegial exercises be maintained steadily and punctually; it shall be the duty of the officers of instruction to attend at the close of every vacation, Should any one of the Tutors find it necessary to be absent any considerable time, he must obtain permission of the President, and two at least of the Fellowship; and that no loss of time be sustained by the students, he shall contract with the remaining instructors to carry on his branch of instruction during his absence.

8. WHEREAS it is inexpedient that any class, or individual student, should make any present to any officer of College; it is ordered, that any of the officers of College shall discourage any attempts to make such presents, and absolutely decline accepting them, if offered.

9. To prevent evils and neglects from gaining the sanction of custom, it shall be proper for the Corporation

Corporation, as often as they may judge expedient, to enquire not only into the conduct and application of the students, but also concerning the diligence of the instructors, and whether they exhibit the lectures and hear the recitations required by law, and to take suitable measures to prevent any evils that might arise from neglect.

10. THE immediate executive authority is vested in the President, Professors and Tutors. The President hath power to rule, govern and direct the College, and all matters relating thereto, and likewise all the students, under-graduates and resident graduates, according to the laws established by the Fellowship. The Professors and Tutors also shall take care of the College, under the President, and govern according to the laws, and shall have authority to punish any under-graduate for any crime, where the penalty does not exceed three shillings.

CHAPTER XI.

Of Commencement, Degrees, Graduates, &c.

1. THE Commencement shall be holden, every year, on the first Wednesday in September. The exercises to be performed on that occasion shall be wholly under the direction of the President, Professors and Tutors.

2. ALL the parts shall be assigned and the exercises appointed by the President, Professors and Tutors, on the second Wednesday in March, in the chapel; and all the parts and exercises thus assigned shall be prepared and examined by the officers of instruction, for approbation, at least ten days

days before Commencement; and if any candidate for a degree shall refuse or neglect to prepare and perform the part or exercise assigned him, he shall be fined not less than six, nor more than eighteen shillings; shall be publicly admonished, and if he persist in his neglect or refusal, he shall be immediately expelled.

3. If any student shall be guilty of perverse conduct, or use any disrespectful language against any officer of College, on account of his appointment to any particular exercise at the Commencement, he shall be publicly admonished, and have his degree suspended for a year.

4. No candidate for a degree shall presume to exhibit any thing on the stage, on Commencement day, which has not been previously approved as above directed, under penalty of admonition before the whole audience, and a suspension of his degree for one year.

5. ALL candidates for the degree of bachelor of arts shall produce to the President, or in his absence to the presiding officer, a printed certificate, from the Steward and Librarian, that they have discharged all their College dues and demands; and each shall pay to the President a sum not less than one pound four shillings, before nine o'clock in the evening next preceding Commencement. If any student shall refuse or neglect to comply with these regulations, his degree shall not be conferred on him by the Fellowship; and no student shall be permitted to bring any request or other matter before the Corporation on the day of Commencement.

6. CANDIDATES for a second degree shall apply to the President for it, at least one week before Commencement, and shall pay to the President
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the same fee as for the first degree. If they have resided at the College, they shall produce the same certificates as those for the first degree.

7. EVERY candidate for either degree shall attend the procession on Commencement day from the College, or such other place as the President and Fellows shall direct. Should any refuse or neglect to comply with this law, without sufficient reason assigned to the President, he shall have his degree suspended for one year.

8. If any candidate for the first degree shall absent himself from the public dinner on Commencement day, he shall be deprived of his degree for that year.

9. PERSONS who have received degrees in any other University or College, may be admitted *ad eundem* in this, upon paying the customary fees to the President. But honorary degrees conferred by the Fellowship, on account of distinguished merit, shall be free of charge.

10. THOSE graduates who wish a diploma, with the College seal set to it, shall pay to the President one dollar for signing it.

11. WHEREAS it may be the desire of some graduates to continue in College, for the purpose of pursuing their studies; it is directed, that the President and Tutors assign to them convenient rooms, for which they shall pay the customary rent. They shall board in commons, shall be subject to the general rules of the College, and for any contempt of the authority of College shall be admonished, and their chambers taken from them. Resident graduates shall have the use of the library, free of expence.

12. ALL graduates residing in College shall be exemplary in their conduct, and shall attend public

lic worship, and the devotional exercises of the chapel, and shall preserve order in the rooms they occupy.

13. ALL resident graduates shall have liberty to attend the lectures of the Professors.



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